GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1775
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PROTECTION TO LAKSHADWEEP FROM TSUNAMI
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government consider to establishment of a Tsunami monitoring stations at Minicoy Island of Lakshadweep which is located 400 km. West to Thiruvananthapuram, very close to Male islands;

(b) if so, the details in this regard;

(c) whether the Government is considering to construction of wall to prevent erosion of land by sea water in the low lying area of the Islands during cyclone and Tsunami; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S.REGUPATHY)

(a) & (b): The Government has decided to set up a Tsunami Early Warning System in the Indian Ocean and the Department of Ocean Development has been identified as the nodal agency for this purpose. The Early Warning System will cover all parts of the Indian coast including Lakshadweep.

(c) & (d): The Government with the assistance of World Bank has approved the National Cyclone Risk Mitigation Project which includes the Union Territory of Lakshadweep. The mitigation measures under the project will include inter-alia construction of cyclone shelters, mangrove plantations, shelter belt plantations and other measures. The construction of a wall will depend on what specific mitigation measures are required, and are feasible.